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FOR FURTHER ACTION

See paragraph 2 below

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☒ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further opinions, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material
☐ in written format
☐ in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing
☐ contained in the international application as filed.
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention

1. ☐ In response to the invitation (Form PCT/ISA/206) to pay additional fees the applicant has:
- ☐ paid additional fees
 - ☐ paid additional fees under protest
 - ☐ not paid additional fees
2. ☒ This Authority found that the requirement of unity of invention is not complied with and chose not to invite the applicant to pay additional fees.
3. This Authority considers that the requirement of unity of invention in accordance with Rule 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 is
- ☐ complied with
 - ☐ not complied with for the following reasons:

The subject defined by the problems and their means of solution, as listed below are so different from each other that no technical relationship or interaction can be appreciated to be present so as to form a single general inventive concept:

1. A system to fix fittings, a clamping device and a shelf in accordance with claims 1-15 and 25-29
2. Fittings in accordance with claims 18-24

4. Consequently, this opinion has been established in respect of the following parts of the international application:
- ☒ all parts
 - ☐ the parts relating to claims Nos. _____

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-17, 19-24, 25-29	YES
	Claims	18	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-17, 25-29	YES
	Claims	18-24	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-29	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

The invention relates to a system for fix fittings and a clamping device for the system. It also relates to a fitting and a shelf comprising a system for fix fittings.

Cited documents:

D1: US 6047647 A
D2: EP 0337340 A2
D3: US 4615276 A
D4: EP 0320858 A1
D5: US 4775058 A
D6: FR 2682209 A1

The cited documents represent the general state of the art. The invention defined in claims 1-17 and 25-29 is not disclosed by any of these documents. The cited prior art does not give any indication that would lead a person skilled in the art to the claimed system, clamping device and shelf. Therefore, the claimed invention is not obvious to a person skilled in the art. Accordingly, the invention defined in claims 1-17 and 25-29 is novel and is considered to involve an inventive step.

The fittings in accordance to claim 18 are known to all essential parts from the documents D1 (see also D2-D4). Consequently claim 18 lacks novelty. The fittings in accordance to claim 18 are known to all essential parts from the documents D1 (see also D2-D4). Consequently claim 18 lacks novelty.

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Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.
Continuation of: BOX V

With regard to claims 19-24 they define if they differ from the above comments and cited documents and D5, only applications and details that are obvious for a person skilled in the art. Consequently, the subject matter of claims 19-24 appears to lack an inventive step.

There is no reason to doubt the industrial applicability